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Applicant(s): Yamanaka et al.

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION

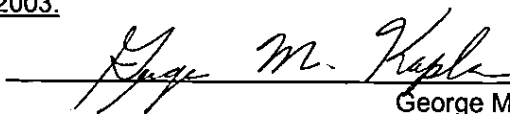
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that finality of the Office Action mailed January 27, 2003 be withdrawn for the following reasons.

The Office Action raises a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, against certain claim limitations, for the very first time. These limitations appear in the claims prior to the last amendment. Accordingly, Applicants' last amendment did not necessitate raising this new ground of rejection.

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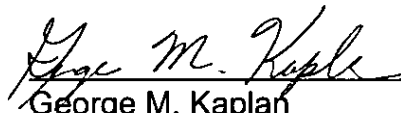
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Accordingly, Applicant is entitled to full opportunity to address this new ground of rejection by way of a nonfinal Office Action. Withdrawal of finality of the outstanding Office Action in accordance with M.P.E.P. §§706.07 (c) and (d) and resetting of the response period are therefore earnestly solicited.

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